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Temporary lane closures on I-55 south of Arsenal Road

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that temporary, daytime lane closures will take place on both directions of Interstate 55, from just north of River Road to just south of Arsenal Road, weather permitting, on Thursday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 4.

The closures are necessary to complete the final miscellaneous items of a larger overall improvement that were postponed due to the weather. Each day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., both sides of I-55 will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

During this time, motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

A two-year, \$7.9 million improvement project recently replaced the bridge decks, joints and structural steel on I-55 over the BNSF Railroad and Grant Creek. The work zone was removed and all lanes reopened last week.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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